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2021 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are, closing out another unprecedented year of challenge and change in the appraisal industry! As 2021 is drawing to a close, I've reflected on my two years serving the Arkansas Chapter. I can't help but feel so grateful to have had the opportunity to grow in leadership while trying to help our chapter pivot to meet the challenges of being a professional organization during a global pandemic. I think the big lessons learned for us as a chapter are that staying relevant to our chapter professionals and attracting new ones in the coming years will center around our willingness to blend virtual and in-person events and our ability to offer affordable, applicable continuing education. The Appraisal Institute continues to be the gold standard in establishing a knowledge base for valuation experts and in advocating for the appraisal profession at both the national and state levels. I hope you will renew your commitment to AI and to the Arkansas Chapter by telling non-member appraisers about the organization and by looking for ways that you can participate with Arkansas appraisers through chapter meetings and service positions.



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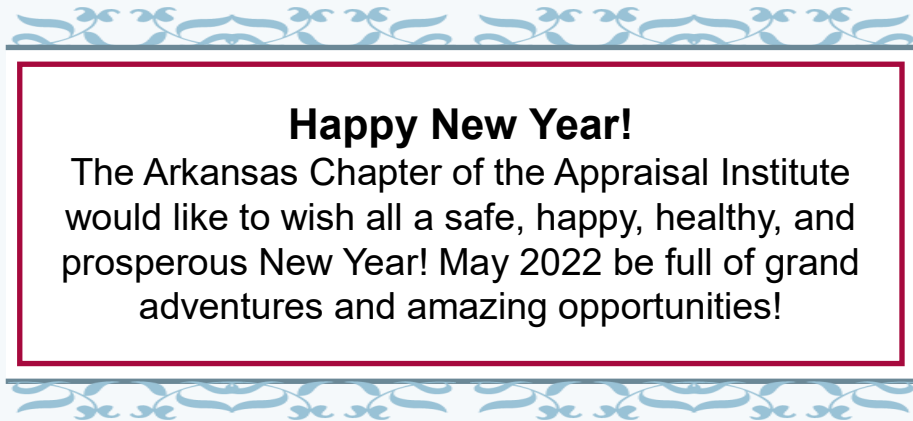
2021 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONTINUED

Our recent 4th quarter Business meeting and banquet was a resounding success! We met at Table 28 in Little Rock for an evening of catching up, amazing food, and the installation of our 2022 officers and directors. I know I personally enjoyed, as ever, the opportunity to just “talk shop” with other appraisers. Though our practices are different, some things remain the same! It is always great to be reminded of the fact that you are not the only one dealing with certain challenges as an appraiser.

I want to say a special thank you to the board of directors and the chapter for the very kind gift card to 21 West End here in Fort Smith. Receiving such a thoughtful gift was truly special. The last two years have afforded me the opportunity to develop such valuable relationships with many of you and to represent our chapter at both the regional and national levels. I look forward to the next two years as we are led by Jeff Ford, MAI and the rest of the executive and general board members!

Happy New Year!

Angela Hartwig, SRA
2021 President, Arkansas Chapter of the Appraisal Institute



Happy New Year!

The Arkansas Chapter of the Appraisal Institute would like to wish all a safe, happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! May 2022 be full of grand adventures and amazing opportunities!



WELCOME!

Our New Professionals in 2021:

Samuel Clark, I, Practicing Affiliate of Jonesboro
Russell Elkins, Practicing Affiliate of Fayetteville
Blaine Miller, Practicing Affiliate of Little Rock
Michael Smith, Practicing Affiliate of Little Rock

Congratulations!

Our New Designees in 2021:

Mr. Stephen Tharp, SRA of Benton



Volunteers

To all the Arkansas Chapter Professionals who volunteer their time: We appreciate your service to the chapter and your dedication to helping us succeed.

2022 Education & Meetings Coming Soon!



2021 Designee Spotlight!

Stephen Tharp, SRA of Benton, received the SRA Designation on August 30, 2021

Stephen began his appraisal career in 2017, and holds an Associate Degree from Pratt Community College, a Bachelor's Degree from Arkansas State University, and a Master Ed from the University of Arkansas. Stephen is currently employed with Ferstl Valuation Services where he recently began working with some commercial properties, although he began with more residential properties.

Mr. Tharp would like to recognize J.T. Ferstl, MAI; and his mentor on the journey to obtain his designation, Brad Tharp, MAI, SRA. Stephen feels that the most rewarding aspect of obtaining his designation is, "Credibility association provided with the designation."

Stephen's advice to current candidates is to, "Stay with it. There is a lot to learn, and it is a challenge (i.e., time and knowledge). However, the end result is worth it."

Congratulations on your accomplishment, Stephen!



Installation of the 2022 Officers & Directors
4Q 2021 Chapter Business Meeting and End of Year Banquet,
December 6, 2021



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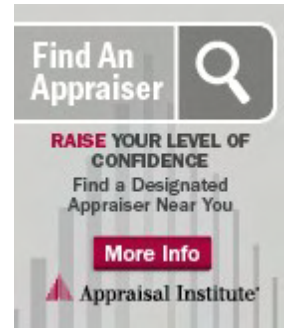
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